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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A copolymer of ethylene and a vinyl compound (I) selected from the group consisting of vinylcyclohexane and 3-methyl-1-butene represented by the general formula CH<sub>2</sub>=CH-R, wherein R is a saturated hydrocarbon group, the steric parameter Es of the substituent R is from -2.77 to -1.64 and the steric parameter B1 of the substituent R is from 1.53 to 2.90, wherein the copolymer has no crystallinity, the copolymer has a structure in which carbons substituted with a cyclohexyl group or isopropyl group are separated from each other by one methylene unit in its skeleton and the content of a unit derived from the vinyl compound (I) in the copolymer is from 5 to 90 mol%.

## 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the content of a unit derived from the vinyl compound (I) in the copolymer is from 5 to 90 25 mol%.

## 4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the vinyl compound (I) is vinylcyclohexane.

## 8. (Canceled)

Application No.: 09/972,879 Docket No.: 2185-0579P 9. (Original) A molded article comprising the copolymer of claim 1. 10. (Canceled) 11. (Original) The molded article according to claim 9, the molded article is a film, a sheet or a pipe. 12. (Canceled) 13. (Original) An adhesive comprising the copolymer of claim 1 as an effective ingredient. 14. (Canceled) 15. (Original) A laminate comprising the copolymer of claim 1. 16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the copolymer has no crystallinity.

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18. (New) The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the content of a unit is derived from the vinyl compound (I) in the copolymer is from 40 to 90 mol%.

- 19. (New) The copolymer according to claim 17, wherein the content of a unit derived from the vinyl compound (I) in the copolymer is from 40 to 90 mol%.
- 20. (New) The adhesive according to claim 13, wherein the adhesive contains a solvent of 150 to 3000 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the copolymer.